

LISTING AND STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

- 1 1. (Currently amended) An online distribution system, comprising:
  - 2 a search server;
  - 3 a data distribution server;
  - 4 a download terminal connected to said search server through said data
  - 5 distribution server; and
  - 6 a personal terminal to which said search server is connectable;
  - 7 said search server including a database for storing a plurality of titles of
  - 8 distribution information, title search means for searching the titles stored in said
  - 9 database for a title designated for subscription from said personal terminal, and
  - 10 subscription information storage means for storing the title searched out by said title
  - 11 search means and identification information transmitted from said personal terminal;
  - 12 said data distribution server including distribution information storage means
  - 13 for storing the distribution information;
  - 14 said download terminal including identification information acquisition means
  - 15 for acquiring identification information inputted from the outside, first readout means
  - 16 for reading out, based on the identification information acquired by said identification
  - 17 information acquisition means, ~~that one of the titles~~ the title stored in said
  - 18 subscription information storage means of said search server which corresponds to the
  - 19 identification information, second readout means for reading out the distribution
  - 20 information corresponding to the title read out by said first readout means from said
  - 21 distribution information storage means of said data distribution server, and recording
  - 22 means for recording the distribution information read out by said second readout
  - 23 means onto a recording medium.
- 1 2. (Original) An online distribution system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said
- 2 download terminal further includes settlement means for performing a settlement in
- 3 regard to the transmission of the distribution information for said personal terminal.

1 3. (Original) An online distribution system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising  
2 a cache server in which part of the distribution information stored in said distribution  
3 information storage means of said data distribution server is stored in advance, and  
4 wherein said download terminal acquires, when the distribution information of the  
5 title corresponding to the identification information stored in said subscription  
6 information storage means of said search server is stored in said cache server, the  
7 distribution information from said cache server, but acquires, when the distribution  
8 information is not stored in said cache server, the distribution information from said  
9 distribution information storage means of said data distribution server.

1 4. (Original) An online distribution system, comprising:

2 a search server;

3 a data distribution server; and

4 a personal terminal connected to said data distribution server through said  
5 search server;

6 said search server including a database for storing a plurality of titles of  
7 distribution information, title search means for searching the titles stored in said  
8 database for a title designated for subscription from said personal terminal, and  
9 subscription information storage means for storing the title searched out by said title  
10 search means;

11 said data distribution server including distribution information storage means  
12 for storing the distribution information, title acquisition means for acquiring the title  
13 stored in said subscription information storage means of said search server,  
14 distribution information readout means for reading out the distribution information  
15 corresponding to the title acquired by said title acquisition means from said  
16 distribution information storage means, and transmission means for transmitting the  
17 distribution information read out by said distribution information readout means to  
18 said personal terminal.

1 5. (Original) An online distribution system as claimed in claim 4, wherein said data  
2 distribution server further includes settlement means for performing a settlement in  
3 regard to the transmission of the distribution information for said personal terminal.

1 6. (Currently amended) An online distribution method for an online distribution  
2 system wherein a download terminal is connected to a search server through a data  
3 distribution server and said search server is connectable to a personal terminal,  
4 comprising:

5 the steps performed by said search server of storing a plurality of titles of  
6 distribution information into a database of said search server, searching the titles  
7 stored in said database for a title designated for subscription from said personal  
8 terminal, and storing the searched out title and identification information transmitted  
9 from said personal terminal as subscription information;

10 the step performed by said data distribution server of storing the distribution  
11 information into distribution information storage means; and

12 the steps performed by said download terminal acquiring identification  
13 information inputted from the outside, reading out, based on the acquired  
14 identification information, ~~that one of the titles~~ the title which corresponds to the  
15 identification information stored as the subscription in said search server, reading out  
16 the distribution information corresponding to the read out title from said distribution  
17 information storage means of said data distribution server, and recording the read out  
18 distribution information onto a recording medium.

1 7. (Original) An online distribution method for an online distribution system  
2 wherein a personal terminal is connected to a data distribution server through a search  
3 server, comprising:

4 the steps performed by said search server of storing a plurality of titles of  
5 distribution information into a database of said search server, searching the titles  
6 stored in said database for a title designated for subscription from said personal  
7 terminal, and transmitting the searched out title to said data distribution server; and

8 the steps performed by said data distribution server of storing the distribution  
9 information into distribution information storage means, reading out the distribution  
10 information corresponding to the title transmitted from said search server from said  
11 distribution information storage means, and transmitting the read out distribution  
12 information to said personal terminal.